

Minutes Friends of the Salem Library January 27, 2019

The January 27, 2019, meeting of the Friends of the Salem Library was called to order by the president, John Spruhan. The meeting had been rescheduled because of inclement weather.

There were nine members present.

The secretary read the minutes of the October meeting which were approved as read.

Treasurer Ken Sosnowski gave the treasurer's report. The financial summary included three handouts which were as follows: 1. A comparison of 2017 and 2018 in several categories 2. cash flow from October 1 to December 31, 2018, and 3. 2018 Library requests showing amounts approved and amounts spent by December 31. Differences in amounts approved and spent reflect money returned as unneeded such as the memorial book that cost less than expected and money that has not been spent yet. Handout 3 does not reflect money spent for FOSL expenses. Our cash balance as of December 31, 2018 was \$40,040.11 which included checking, savings, and CDs.

John Spruhan reminded people to read his report in the next newsletter.

I mentioned an offsite presentation by Ann Tripp and how impressed people were with her organization and the scope of library activities.

OLD BUSINESS

Annie summarized recent library events. While the counter can't distinguish how many people come in when the door opens, they estimate about 2000 participated in the Gingerbread Festival event. That event included viewing the gingerbread items, a petting zoo, and crafts. Story time activities are in session. The new staff member working with children has started a rock painting activity. David Butler has started a board game group. A yoga program is coming in March. Also moon viewings will resume.

The library is starting a new after hours program on first Fridays starting February 1, 2019. The program is for children with special needs and will include special programs to meet their needs. (This program was later covered by WDBJ and the Roanoke Times.)

The theme for the 2019 summer reading program is space related.

Charlie Draper reported on the timeline and variety of articles for the next newsletter.

As book sale chairman, Ken reported that we do not have a lot of books in storage yet. He plans to put information in the Senior News to coordinate with spring cleaning time. Annie will put donation information on the website.

New Business

The Library Staff made a request for funds totaling \$5,300.00. The front of the library is getting new furniture. The City of Salem has approved approximately \$22,000.00 for the project. There is a need for another \$5,000.00 to complete the project as they envision. \$300.00 is requested for expenses for the board game group from February through June.

A motion to allocate \$5,300.00 as requested for the furniture and board game group expenses was made, seconded, and passed.

A new printer is to be installed Thursday. There were three bids. The Library is going with a company which involves a bundled rate with other city uses. The FOSL contract will cost \$121.00 per month plus overage fees for black and white and color printing. Printing will be faster, better quality, and allow use of remote devices to set up printing. Actual printing will happen when the individual is there to pay. The contract cost is up and the overage cost is down. We receive substantial funds from the printer.

The new coin machine is supposed to be installed February 5.

Annie told us about a possible project involving a board book entitled Salem Baby. It would be handed out to new parents at Lewis Gale and sold to other interested people. It would be similar to a Roanoke baby book currently available. She would like to channel the project through a FOSL account but is not asking us to fund the project beyond a donation. The project is estimated at about \$17,000.00 dollars and requires a payment of half the total before any work is completed.

Ken Sosnowski moved we set up an ad hoic committee to look into this project. The motion was seconded and passed.

The nominating committee slate of candidates was presented.

President – John Spruhan

Vice president – Phil Roark

Secretary – Susan Ahalt

Treasurer – Ken Sosnowski

Sara Ahalt moved we elect the slate as presented and Janis Augustine seconded. The motion was passed and the candidates were declared elected.

The next meeting will be held on March 10, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned.

Susan Ahalt, Secretary